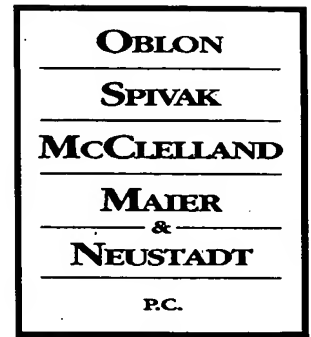




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Examiner: VO, ANH T N

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Request for Reconsideration

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2006, Applicants request the reconsideration of the rejections found in the Office Action, for the reasons set forth below.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Vo for the courtesy of an interview on September 12, 2006, at which time the outstanding Office Action was discussed. In particular, Applicants pointed out that neither U.S. patent 5,307,091 (DeCoste) nor U.S. patent 6,306,473 (Denpou et al) discloses a liquid containing bag comprising a liquid filling part which is melt sealed from directions which face each other and which has a non-symmetrical configuration. The Examiner therefore indicated that the rejections of Claims 1 and 4-5 as being anticipated by these references would be withdrawn.

On the other hand, the Examiner indicated that a non-symmetrical melt sealed part which is melt sealed from directions which face each other in a part of the liquid filling